

Michael R. Christensen
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Michael Christensen is Senior Executive for Supply Chain Optimization for the Port of Long Beach, California, reporting directly to Chief Executive Jon Slingerup. He was named to the newly created position in February 2015 by the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners. Mr. Christensen, a transportation professional with more than 40 years of both public- and private-sector experience, is responsible for working collaboratively with industry stakeholders to find new ways to increase communication and cooperation among the links of the supply chain to enhance cargo flow.

Most recently he was second in command as Deputy Executive Director at the neighboring Port of Los Angeles and head of their Development Bureau. Before joining the Port of Los Angeles in 2006, he served as Vice President at Parsons Transportation Group in Irvine, California, and as Vice President and Managing Principal for Nolte and Associates in Walnut Creek, California.

His career has also included senior management positions at several other transportation consulting firms plus 16 years of service to the Southern Pacific Railroad where he held various posts including Assistant Chief Engineer for Design and Construction and Chief Environmental Affairs Officer.

He earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Arizona State University and a certification in Executive Education from Harvard Kennedy School of Government. He is a registered professional engineer in 10 states, and is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the American Railway Engineering and Maintenance-of-Way Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Christensen and their children make their home in Redondo Beach, California, where he is an elected member of the Redondo Beach Board of Education.